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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2100**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ronald D. Thompson Attorney Docket No.: MSFT115607
Application No.: 09/699,239 Group Art Unit: 2143
Filed: October 27, 2000 Examiner: Thomas J. Mauro, Jr.
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED CACHING USING
MULTICAST REPLICATION

RESPONSE

January 3, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed September 2, 2004, in the above-identified application, applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

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